

THE ZEIGLER, ILL., MINE EXPLOSION

Upwards of Thirty Miners Are Said
to Have Lost Their Lives.

SHOCK FELT TWELVE MILES.

Searching Parties Unable to Pen-
etrate the Mine, Owing to the
Demolition of the Shaft and
Mass of Debris.

Benton, Ill., April 4.—Some forty
miners were entombed Monday, in
Joseph Zeigler's mine at Zeigler, in a
terrific explosion of gas, and it is prob-
able that thirty or more of the buried
men are dead.

The explosion was due to the fact
that the Zeigler mine is not worked
on Sunday, thus allowing gas to ac-
cumulate in the lower workings.

When between 35 and 40 miners had
descended into the mine, Monday
morning, to resume work, a terrific ex-
plosion blew the timbers about the
mouth of the mine high into the air.
One of the steel cages was blown to the
surface from the bottom of a 560-foot
shaft. The shock of the explosion
was felt at Benton, 12 miles distant.

One miner was killed and four were
severely injured at the mouth of the
shaft in which the explosion occurred.
The work of rescue was begun at once
by miners who were arriving when the
explosion took place, but the main
shaft was demolished, so that rescue
work has to be carried on through the
air shaft. This has hindered the work
of adding the entombed men to such
an extent that when darkness fell Mon-
day night only three bodies and one
injured man had been brought to the
surface. These bodies were found 40
feet from the bottom of the air shaft.

A committee of union miners from
Dupont and other neighboring towns,
headed by District President Morris,
hastened to Zeigler soon after the ex-
plosion and offered their aid.

The bodies of the dead are so black-
ened that they can not at once be iden-
tified. Rolly Campbell is the injured
miner brought out of the shaft, and it
is said that he can not live. Camp-
bell is conscious, but he is unable to
give any explanation of the accident.

There was much excitement among
the miners when the accident became
known, because there had been a strike
of long duration and many conflicts
had occurred between strikers and non-
union miners.

An all-day investigation tended to
show that the catastrophe was due to
the accidental explosion of accumulated
gas.

Up to ten o'clock Monday night, 15
dead bodies had been recovered. The
work of rescue is made very difficult
and dangerous by the foulness of the
air in the mine. Only two of the bodies
found show marks of the explosion.
Death in the other cases having evi-
dently resulted from asphyxiation.

The Latest Estimate.

Benton, Ill., April 4.—The number
of dead is estimated at 24; wounded,
8. It transpires that there were two
explosions close together. The first
explosion took place in the air shaft,
and was followed by a much greater
upheaval in the main shaft. There
were employed in the mines only
180 men, 120 being at work days.
Four cages containing ten men of the
day force had gone into the mine, and
were supposed to be at the bottom when
the catastrophe occurred.

Of the 34 men thought to be dead,
only 15 had been taken out at ten
o'clock Monday night.

Superintendent Herd says the shaft
is a wreck, and that the main entrance
is so disabled it will take a week to
repair it.

In the effort to recover the entombed
men, five rescuers were overcome by af-
ter damp. All the searchers for the
men below were let down by hand. In
two instances the men above were nearly
overcome by gas.

MR. HYDE AND HIS TROUBLES

The New York Legislature and the
State Insurance Department
May Ask Questions.

New York, April 4.—Hyde's practical
surrender of control of the affairs of
the Equitable Life Assurance Society
does not appease the faction of Presi-
dent Alexander, which is demanding
the retirement of Hyde from active
connection with the company more
determinedly than ever.

Senator Brackett contemplates ask-
ing legislative inquiry into the manner
in which the Equitable's finances have
been run.

An official investigation into the
charges against Hyde and others con-
nected with the society will be made
by the superintendent of insurance as
well.

A Royal Donation.

New York, April 4.—Ralph Voorhees,
of New Jersey, has donated \$100,000
to the American Tract society.

Preferred Death to School.

Lincoln, Neb., April 4.—Merle
O'Brien, a boy 14 years old, shot him-
self and probably will die. The last
words he said were: "I don't want to
go to school." The family moved here
recently from York county, Neb., in or-
der that the children might go to school.

Government Wants Information.

Washington, April 4.—The bureau of
corporations has made a request 15,000
oil dealers throughout the country for
inside information as to their dealings
with the Standard Oil Co.

J. Frank Cordova in Prison.

New Brunswick, N. J., April 4.—J.
Frank Cordova, the former pastor of the
South River Methodist church, who
eloped twice with Miss Julia Bowne, a
choir singer in his church, has been
taken to state's prison to serve his
four year term.

While Playing With a Pet Dog.

Alton, Ill., April 4.—While playing
with a pet dog, Josephine Bickert, the
eight-year-old foster child of Mrs.
August Cuto was pushed and fell into
a cistern, where she drowned.

REMOVAL IS UNWARRANTED

Opinion in the Case of Chief Justice
Raymond of Indian Territory.

The Department of Justice Has In-
vestigated the Charges and Found
Them Not Proven.

Washington, March 4.—The follow-
ing statement regarding the charges
against Judge Raymond, chief justice
of the Indian territory, was made on
behalf of Atty-Gen. Moody by Mr.
Russell, special assistant attorney-
general.

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Ambitions That May Cause Embar-
rassment to the Present Ad-
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Although President Roosevelt has
just entered upon a full four years'
term the scramble to be his successor
is already on among the republican
leaders. The booms of Vice President
Fairbanks, Secretary Shaw and Sen-
ator Foraker have already been
launched, and ex-Secretary Root is also
understood to be a candidate. Secre-
tary Taft's name is frequently and fa-
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IMPERIALISTIC DESPOTISM.

Arrogation and Abuse of Power In-
creasing in the Republican
Party.

Ex-Secretary Cortelyou's transfer to
the postmaster generalship serves anew
to emphasize the curious workings of
the great federal machine erected by
the republican party, which has for
years gradually been concentrating po-
litical power in the hands of government
departments and particularly has made
the post office the center of party con-
trol.

Most people, says the St. Louis Repub-
lic, respect Mr. Cortelyou, the secretary
to two presidents, as a reputable and ex-
tremely intelligent and capable man,
and there has been at no time, even dur-
ing the campaign, an effort to disparage
him personally even on the part of the
most narrowly partisan newspapers but
his case is the extreme illustration of
the inherent iniquity of the imperialistic
machine engrafted upon the country's
democratic institutions and threatening
to override popular will.

Mr. Cortelyou was put into a cabinet
position specially created in aid of the
machine—the department of com-
merce, a position of official vantage
pointing the party into intimate rela-
tions with and giving it a stronger pre-
sence on the giant corporations of the
country; a post eminently qualifying the
holder for the place of campaign man-
ager and collector of contributions.

Graduating from the department of
commerce, Mr. Cortelyou was made na-
tional chairman of his party during the
campaign. Much unpleasantness arose
from criticism offered against Mr.
Roosevelt for taking a man out of the
cabinet—out of the public service—to do
party work of this kind; but it would
have been strange indeed if the Ameri-
can people had not regarded Cortelyou's
position and campaign collections in the
light of his former employment. It
would have been stupid in the people to
have regarded his collections from the
corporations as anything other than fat-
tyslugs deliberately planned in the party
mind. It was a sheer disavowal and
extortion from the protected monopoli-
es.

Precisely as the department of com-
merce fitted Cortelyou for the chair-
manship, so did the latter place qualify him
for the postal department. It is the big
political department. However cleanly
he may conduct it, notwithstanding his
personal probity, he will inevitably
have the great corporations and pro-
tected industries at his mercy—at the
mercy of the machine. In any event, the
post office department must powerfully
strengthen the machine, under the man-
agement of men like Payne and Cortely-
ou, trained in party affairs, both in its
relations to the financial and industrial
powers and in its relation to the coun-
try generally the principal political feeders,
as seen especially in the last campaign.
The postal department is the source of
perquisites, center of distribution and
nucleus of control.

Imperialism's worst form is exhibit-
ed in the machine despotism, arrogation
and abuse of power increasingly mani-
fest in the republican party. With its
growth in power and perfection of or-
ganization the party's necessity for pre-
tense fades. The succession of appoint-
ments through which Mr. Cortelyou has
been brought into the postmaster gen-
eralship marks the limit of party and
machine daring.

DRIFT OF POLITICAL OPINION.

—The butcher weighs the bone in
your steak just as he did before Mr.
Garfield made his report.—Washing-
ton Star.

—Once let the people be aroused
to the inquiry of a monopoly and
they will find a way to end it or to
mend it.—Indianapolis News (Ind.).

—Delaware republicanism," re-
marks the St. Louis Globe-Democrat,
"is of the robust sort." Slight mis-
print. Delaware's republicanism is of
the robust sort.—Albany Argus.

—After the action of the senate
committee in striking out the \$190,000
mileage appropriation graft, it was
natural that certain members of the
house might see the matter in an en-
tirely different light.—Indianapolis
News.

The next session of congress will,
in the view of the Washington Star,
be delivered by a debate on tariff revision.
At an extreme it says will stand Champ
Clark and those that follow him; at
the other the standpatters.

Those concerned in contemporary
politics are watching with peculiar in-
terest the distribution of patronage un-
der the new administration. It seems to
be assumed that the president will now
take the appointing power altogether
into his own hands and will make no-
minations to please himself rather than
to please the senators. Theoretically, this
is his right and duty; practically, the
policy is sometimes hard to carry out.—
Philadelphia Ledger.

Of course, Commissioner Garfield
didn't go into the question of "by prod-
ucts," which would give the beef trust
something to cheer up over, even if it
didn't make more than 90 cents on a dol-
lar on each steer slaughtered. When you
come to think of it, this, in itself, is noth-
ing to make the packers howl in their
minds, if they kill enough steers, and
nothing has been heard lately about a
cattle famine. Big sales and small prof-
its is the law of modern trade. Just
think what a nice living Mr. Rockefeller
makes for his family by selling kerosene
at 15 cents a gallon.—Kansas City Star.

Beef Trust Benevolence.

Just how consumers were enabled,
before the trust was formed, to buy
all kinds of meats much cheaper while
the cattle and sheep and hog growers
were receiving better rates for their
products is neither here nor there; let
the dead past bury its dead. We are
living in the active, costly present and
dealing with conditions as we find
them. Nor is it pertinent to inquire
how the big packers have managed
to pile up vast fortunes while occupy-
ing their time in serving the public for
nothing. Only unreasonable lawyers
will think of these things when they
might be instructively reading Mr.
Garfield's report. The important fact,
officially certified, is that the beef trust
is our kind and gentle friend, and that
we should be bad off indeed without
its kindly ministrations. Long live the
benevolent beef trust, and long may
the era of low cattle and high steaks
continue to alleviate human suffering
and bless mankind.—Kansas City
Journal.

NOTED BY NATURALISTS.

The raccoon plunges all its food into
water before eating it.

Granite is the only common rock
which shows no traces of either ani-
mal or vegetable life.

Among fish, the sunfish, basking
sharks and dolphins all swim with
their eyes above the surface of the
water.

African travelers say that the white
rhinoceros frequently dies from eating
poisonous plants, which are never
eaten by the black one.

Tulips are so sensitive to the light
that they will often close their petals
during a dull day, and remain shut up
until the sunlight returns.

Opals often fall from their settings
because they expand with heat more
than other precious stones, and, con-
sequently, force open the gold which
holds them in place.

Wet weather may be expected when
swallows fly low, because then the in-
sects which the swallows pursue in
their flight are flying low to escape
the moisture of the upper regions of
the atmosphere.

Probably Not.

"In Japan the mikado is known as
the son of Heaven."

"But I dare say that isn't what they
call him in Russia."—Brooklyn Life.

Who Owns the Railroads?

H. T. Newcomb, of the District of
Columbia Bar, has compiled statistics
showing that 5,174,718 depositors in
savings banks of six eastern states are
directly interested in the joint own-
ership of \$442,354,086 of steam railroad
securities, that insurance companies
doing business in Massachusetts hold
\$845,889,028 of steam railroad stocks
and bonds, and 74 educational institu-
tions depend on \$47,468,327 invested
in similar securities for a portion of
their income. Other fiduciary institu-
tions own enough railroad securities
to bring such holdings up to more than
a billion and a half dollars, about one-
sixth of the entire capital invested in
railroad property. These investments
represent the savings of the masses,
there being twenty million holders of
life insurance policies in the country,
as many more of fire insurance poli-
cies, and an even greater number of
depositors in banking and trust insti-
tutions, where investments are large-
ly in railroad securities.

The Substitute.

Mrs. Fluffy—My husband writes the
loveliest verses for me; does you?

Mrs. Duffy—No, but he writes me the
most beautiful checks.—Detroit Free Press.

Errors of Modern Life.

Modern enjoyments, the modern way
of living and working, overtax the nerves
and they are sure to give way sooner
or later—according to their resisting pow-
er—but invariably "sometime" the penalty
will come, there is a limit to nerve en-
durance.

For Weakness or General Debility
Pusheck's Kuro is unexcelled.

It creates appetite, stimulates the heart,
purifies and enriches the blood and im-
parts vitality to every nerve and organ.
Pusheck's Kuro prevents weakness from
slight exertion, removes that tired, wor-
ried feeling, that nervous high tension,
nervous headaches, nervous excitement,
restores vigor and health to all who suffer
from any debility, overwork, great strain,
general prostration, or even collapse.

It produces strong, healthy nerves and
also aids recovery after long spells of sick-
ness. It is the greatest tonic and cure ever
discovered. Do not wait until it is too late.
Take Pusheck's Kuro in time and avoid
opiates and liquors—these only make you
worse. Pusheck's Kuro makes weak men
strong and tired women happy, restores
the lost nerve force, causes the cheeks to
glow and eyes to sparkle, and makes the
step elastic. Nor is it a temporary im-
provement. It is a permanent cure.

If your druggist hasn't Pusheck's Kuro
take nothing else, but mail \$1 to Dr.
Pusheck, 192 Washington St., Chicago,
and Pusheck's Kuro will be sent by mail.
Write at once for illustrated booklet, etc.

Unfortunately, there are men in this
world who complain bitterly at having
to pay 15 cents a gallon for kerosene,
and who seem to be perfectly willing to
pay 15 cents a glass for whisky.—Boston
Globe.

In a Pinch, Use Allen's Foot-Ease.

Shake into your shoes Allen's Foot-Ease,
a powder. It cures Corns, Bunions, Painful
Smarting, Hot, Swollen Feet. At all drug-
gists and Shoe Stores, 25c. Sample FREE.
Address A. S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

A man usually estimates his value
according to the scale of his own making.—
Philadelphia Bulletin.

If your stomach troubles you at any time
take "Stomachic" V. It will relieve you at once
and cure you. Save druggist's profits. Send
only direct—delivered to you for \$1.00.
Stomachic Co., Sturgis, Mich.

Those who boast much of their ancestry
are not keeping up the average of pos-
terity.—The Commoner.

Truths that Strike Home

Your grocer is honest and—if he cares to do so—can tell
you that he knows very little about the bulk coffee he
sells you. How can he know, where it originally came from,
how it was blended—or with what—or when roasted? If you buy your
coffee loose by the pound, how can you expect purity and uniform quality?



LION COFFEE, the LEADER OF
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QUARTER OF A CENTURY, LION COFFEE
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LION COFFEE is carefully packed
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terated, or of coming in contact with dust,
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In each package of LION COFFEE you get one full
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(Lion head on every package.)

(Save the Lion-heads for valuable premiums.)
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